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S. 213

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2005

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rio Arriba County
5 Land Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means the
9 County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

1 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
 2 titled “Alcalde Proposed Land Transfer” and dated
 3 September 23, 2004.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,**
 7 **NEW MEXICO.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), not
 9 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
 10 the Secretary shall convey to the County, all right, title,
 11 and interest of the United States in and to the land (in-
 12 cluding any improvements to the land) described in sub-
 13 section (b).

14 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
 15 subsection (a) consists of approximately 150.86 acres of
 16 land located on the Sebastian Martin Land Grant in the
 17 vicinity of Alcalde, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as de-
 18 picted on the map.

19 (c) CONDITIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under
 21 subsection (a) shall be treated as public land for the
 22 purposes of the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly
 23 known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes
 24 Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.)

1 (2) CONSIDERATION.—The amount of consider-
2 ation for the conveyance of land under subsection
3 (a) shall be determined by the Secretary consistent
4 with section 2(a) of the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-
5 monly known as the “Recreation and Public Pur-
6 poses Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869–1(a)).

7 (3) AGREEMENT.—Before conveying the land
8 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall enter into
9 an agreement with the County that indemnifies the
10 United States from all liability of the United States
11 arising from the land conveyed.

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